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Subject: RE: Inspection/Sampling Availability
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Hi Claudia,

If an IDA inspector is to perform an inspection, it will have to be done by September 30 because their credentials will expire. We are in the process of getting everyone re-certified.

Doug



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Thanks, Scott! We're still waiting for confirmation on the exact producing establishment and we've also been told that the request to conduct any inspection would come at soonest by Wednesday of next week, if needed. I think we'll need to do some additional work to identify a lab than can conduct the necessary testing which may take some time as well. We'll try to give you as much advance notice as possible if we do need your help in collecting these samples.

Thanks to everyone for your quick responses! Hope you all have a good weekend.

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Claudia,

I have 2 inspectors that will be available to help as needed, individually or together if necessary, and will remain on standby for early next week.

We'll await further info from you.

Thanks!

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Thanks Claudia.

I'll check with both inspectors to see their availability early next week and let you know what things look like on our end.

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Hi Scott:

Early next week should be fine. At this time we're just looking for a general estimate of how quickly we could schedule an inspection, so there's still some time to gauge exact availabilities. We're trying to figure out our own availability and logistics in the meantime as well. We've a got call scheduled at noon and I should have some additional information this afternoon.

I'll pass on any additional info as I can.

Thanks!

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Claudia,

I think we could pick from 2 experienced inspectors up this way for this since it sounds to be somewhat sensitive?

Are you expecting follow-up needed today, or more likely early next week? Just trying to gauge if I need to be checking availabilities right now, or we have a bit of time.

Thanks,

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No worries! We don't have a confirmed address at the moment. My best guess is they're looking at the registered establishment at: Ex. 7(A) I'm hoping to confirm that in the next hour or two.

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Just got it Claudia.... Sorry I was on the line.... I'll let Doug/Scott respond to you on this on. Do you have an address for the location?

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Hi Suzanne:

I just left you a voicemail about a developing situation where we may be asked to collect some pesticide samples at Ex. 7(A) We haven't yet been asked to conduct an inspection, but expect that we will shortly and will need to provide an estimate of when that can occur. I wanted to check with you to see if any of your inspectors may be able to conduct a federal inspection and collect some samples on our behalf.

We should be able to provide some very specific instruction on what would need to be collected and where the sample(s) should be sent, so it should be a straightforward inspection. Could you let me know if this is something IDA would be able to do and if so, how quickly you think an inspector would be available?

Thanks!

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